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In Re Application of: Frank Duvinage, et al.

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Title: EXHAUST-GAS CLEANING UNIT WITH PARTICLE FILTER AND
NITROGEN OXYGEN STORE, AND OPERATING METHOD THEREFOR

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT - SECTION 1.97 (b)

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.56, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.97 and 1.98, applicants' representative hereby submits U.S. Patent & Trademarks Office Form PTO-1449. Copies of the references cited therein are submitted for consideration in the examination of the above- referenced patent application. It is respectfully requested that they be made of record, along with whatever references the Examiner may find in the course of a search, should the Examiner consider them material to the subject application.

In accordance with Section 1.97(b) (3), it is believed that this Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

In accordance with Section 1.97(e) (1), the undersigned hereby certifies that each item of information contained herein was cited for the first time in a communication from

a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this Statement.

The references have been cited in the Search Report of the corresponding German application.

However, the references do not disclose an exhaust gas cleaning unit comprising a particle filter and a nitrogen oxide store, the nitrogen oxide store being disposed upstream of the particle filter.

Respectfully Submitted,

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